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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:  
**MELOUL, Raphael F.**

Serial No.:  
**10/635,503**

Filed:  
**Aug 7, 2003**

Title: **SAFETY NEEDLE AND SHIELD**

§ Confirmation Number:  
**1440**  
§ Group Art Unit:  
**3763**  
§ Examiner:  
**SIRMONS, Kevin C.**  
§ Atty. Docket Number:  
**01011.1010**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION MAILED JANUARY 28, 2005,  
REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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To the Office:

Applicant's attorneys are now in receipt of an Official Communication from the USPTO that was mailed on January 28, 2005. At the issuance of the Official Communication, claims 1-40 were pending with the Office setting forth rejections for each claim excluding claims 4 and 22 to which the Office has entered objections. This response includes the following elements:

Petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action;

Revocation and appointment of a new power of attorney; and

A response to each issue raised in the Office Action.

**Extension of Time**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two (2) months, extending the time for responding to Official Action to June 28, 2005.

**Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney**

The applicant submits PTO Form SB/81 to revoke previous powers of attorney and establish power of attorney with Smith Frohwein Tempel Greenlee Blaha, LLC, Customer Number 35856.